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Gen. Marshall Visits Front



Official U. S. Army Photo
The U. S. Army's Chief of Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, center, inspected a front-line gun crew during his recent visit to France. The other helmeted figure is Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the Sixth Army Group. Back up these men. Buy at least an extra \$100 War Bond today!

From U. S. Treasury



LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas



Pvt. Anna W. Byrd, Women's Army Corps, adjusts an enlarger as she prepares to make copies of visual aid maps and charts for use in soldiers' classes at Fort Knox, Ky. Photography is one of many types of jobs done by the WAC.

Not an Accident

The gathering was no kind of a coincidence. Somebody called the meeting and made sure that it was conducted in an orderly fashion. Arrangements were made to have some impartial, expert opinion on hand to answer questions, explain technical terms if necessary and speed up deliberations. The matter under discussion was something soon to come up before the committee of which their congressman is a member.

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Welcome Callers

Whom does your representative represent? This is a fair and timely question, moreover, not as silly as it sounds. He is supposed to represent you and a few thousand other people in your county and nearby counties, but does he do it? If so, how does he go about it? How does he know what the people who elect him think about questions he must help decide?

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Such lines are made up of miscellaneous people, very much like lines that form in cafeterias or at ticket-office windows. Usually nobody is present whom you know or really want to see. But when the unusual occurs; when somebody from back home falls in line at a congressman's door, he gets admitted to the representative's own private office. Why? The congressman wants to see him.

Representatives are elected and sent to Washington to represent the people back home. I know several of them and, all told, I have known a great many. Every one I ever knew wanted sincerely to represent them well. They were smart men but there was not a mind-reader in the bunch. They couldn't sit in Washington and have a very clear idea what the electors expected of them.

The Right Approach
In a few words, the average congressman gets plenty of advice offered to him and very little of it comes from the right place. In rare instances when somebody writes or wires him from back home the message represents one man's hasty, perhaps impassioned, judgment. At other times when messages come in big bunches they plainly reflect a home-up-written by one man, signed by many.

People who know how to walk in crowded streets and build their homes in layers, sometimes make facetious references to Arkansas but down here we are doing something to help congress. Just before Thanksgiving a group of sixty important men of Batesville and thereabout held a meeting to consider some national legislation soon to be considered by their representative. At the end of the meeting they mailed him their opinion accompanied by a list of persons present.

Rural Bond Sales Effective Step In Postwar Planning

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard today called on American farmers to invest all "extra" dollars in War Bonds during the Sixth War Loan beginning November 20 as an "effective step in postwar planning" for rural America.

Directing his appeal "To the Farm People of America," Secretary Wickard said, "the farm people of this country have an outstanding record of service to the nation."

"It still takes a lot of money to finance the war, even though we are winning. The single task is to supply the Pacific theater is a tremendous undertaking. Add to that the equipment which was needed on the invasion coast of France. The supplies that are required now to knock down the total is staggering. So our job here at home is by no means over, just as the war on the fighting front is not over. Your agricultural responsibility

To the People of this Community

"Sad little personal belongings are strewn all over these bitter sands." Thus wrote Ernie Pyle from a beachhead in Normandy.

More than 2,000 bundles of these belongings, collected and packed by the armed forces, are sent monthly from a Kansas City depot to homes throughout America. That's the average price of a story over enough miles who forced this war upon us. These "souvenirs" are enveloped with heartaches and drenched with tears.

How long this tragic depot stays in business is up to you. Every second prolongs the slaughter. Every extra \$100 War Bond in the Sixth War Loan helps to shorten the fighting. Can you do less than to lend your money for speedy victory?

THE EDITOR

In two-sets: One is to save for our job and do it well until total victory is won; the other is to buy War Bonds.

The farm people of this country have an outstanding war record. They have advanced production miracle in the face of wartime difficulties. Their bond-buying record is good, too, as indicated by the fact that farmers and their families purchased more than one and a quarter billion dollars worth of bonds in 1943. This figure is at about 10 per cent of their net income.

This Sixth War Loan campaign is the biggest yet for agriculture but never before has agriculture had so many dollars that could be put into bonds. The record production of farmers coupled with favorable commodity prices has raised their income up to an all time high level. The investment of these extra inflationary dollars in War Bonds would be the most effective step in postwar planning. Rural America could take.

SHOES—Good indefinitely—All-plate Stamps No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each.

Salvation Army Appeal Still Under Way

In connection with the Salvation Army Annual Appeal for funds, which is now in progress, Lamont Higgins, will commence a systematic solicitation of funds in Bethel and District next Tuesday.

Lamont Higgins, Extension Secretary of the Salvation Army for the State of Maine, has been with the Public Relations Department for a number of years. He is considered in Salvation Army circles not alone as a good campaigner but a man with very sterling character qualities.

The citizens who have not made their returns by mail to the Treasurer, Fred B. Merrill, are urgently requested to do so in order that time and expenses may be saved and thereby the greater good accomplished by the money saved.

TRUE J BROWN

True J Brown, died at home on Grover Hill early Tuesday morning. He was born in Albany, May, 1870, the son of the late Walter M. and Elizabeth Mason Brown.

His entire life has been spent in Albany and Bethel, for the past several years on a farm on Grover Hill.

He is survived by one brother, Bion Brown of South Paris and several nieces and nephews.

Bob Reid of Berlin, N. H. was in town recently.

Mrs. Josephine Monahan was in Berlin one day last week.

Mrs. Olv Tiftt was the guest of her sister, Agnes French at Norway, Saturday.

Miss Ruth Donahue spent the week end with Miss Alberta Merrill at West Bethel.

Mrs. Philip Daye spent the week end with her husband, who is a patient at Togus Hospital.

Mrs. S. S. Greenleaf, Miss Arlene Greenleaf and Mrs. Carl L. Brown were in Lewiston Tuesday.

Mrs. E. S. Kilborn is leaving Boston this week to spend the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Gilbert LeClair of the University of Maine was a week end guest at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Syl LeClair's.

Pvt. and Mrs. Avery Angevine, Mrs. Ernest Angevine and Mrs. Ernest Blake were in Lewiston Monday.

The total receipts to date for the State War Chest Fund for Bethel are \$1117.29. Quota for Bethel was \$1100.00.

Mrs. Lena Wight returned Monday from a three weeks visit with her son, William Wight and family at Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Frank Nary and two daughters, Lee and Sheila, are spending the Christmas vacation in South China, Maine and Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Mary Tibbets, of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., is spending a vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Tibbets.

Miss Alice Bennett and Miss Ida Lee Clough of Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y. came Tuesday for several weeks vacation at their homes.

Jimmy Browne, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne, is a patient at the Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Mass., where he underwent surgery Tuesday.

Myron Scarborough left Wednesday for Shadwell, So. Dakota, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Scarborough and their son, Hugh who is training at Sioux Falls.

Billy O'Brien was in Lewiston Saturday, and had the remainder of the casts removed from his arm and leg that were broken when he was struck by a car several weeks ago. He is now able to get around on crutches.

ROBERT KEENAN A. S. left Monday to return to Sampson, N. Y. after spending a five day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bryant.

Sgt. Roderick McMillan of New Orleans, La. is spending a furlough in town.

Pvt. Francis Berry of University of New Hampshire, spent the week end at his home.

R. Donald Holt T. C. 1-c is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Holt.

Pvt. Clayton Bryant of Camp Edwards, Mass. is spending a 10 day furlough at his home in Gilead.

Pvt. Avery Angevine, who has been spending a furlough with his family, left this morning for Fort Meade, Md.

George L. Wight S. 1-c arrived Monday evening for leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight of North Newry. Since March, 1941 he has been stationed with the Seabees in Cora.

Leonard Kimball has received his discharge from the U. S. Army and returned home.

Gerard Williams has recently been promoted to Lt. (j.g.) and is in training at Hollywood Beach, Fla.

Filmore (Buddy) Clough and Irving (Blackie) Cummings were re-united recently in Salina. These two boys entered the Naval Air Corps in November 1942 and were together until a few months ago when they were sent overseas.

THE LOW DOWN
FROM HICKORY GROVE

With everybody showing anxiety about jobs after the war, the Govt., I reckon, would like some ideas. The folks running the shelling for us should know what we want 'em to do. We pay the heck, so ought to do some of the ordering. If we care to eat hamburgers versus fifties million with moshies, we should drop a card to concrete, and say so. I am writing mine—open letter, as below.

Half or more of us live in small places. The Dlat. of Columbia has

become so cluttered up and big, that if we live there a spell we have no idea about what is going on elsewhere or what people want.

So to make new employment and

get our government back onto the

U. S. basis, I propose moving the

Capital. Move it nearer the center of our country—some place like

Topeka, Kansas, or Terra Haute

or Keokuk.

A billion dollars in chicken feed

today, so tear down and sell the

whole outfit, including roll-top

desks, etc. at our present capital.

Build a new, clean place but half

as big—out West. That will make

jobs—coming and going. With the

fresh air of the West with clear

thinking—we could get back in the

troops—he the U. S. A. again.

Yours with the low down.

Jo Serra

Berlin Takes Gould 35-27

Gould Academy's small but hard

fighting quintet put up a game battle Tuesday, outscoring Berlin's rugged team in the last half 16-11;

but it was not enough to overcome the visitor's 24-11 lead at the half.

The game started out to be a "mud and tuck affair" with Berlin leading 8-7. It was the second period that really spelled defeat for

Gould as Houley and King stepped

into the scoring column with 10

points between them, Vachon, Van-

Kleek, and Abell also added a basket

each to swell the periods score

to 16. While this avalanche of scoring was going on Gould connected for only 4 points. This gave the

Mountaineers a commanding lead

of 24 to 11 at the half.

In the second half a change of

defensive tactics stopped Berlin

cold as they didn't score for the

first seven minutes. Gould began to

close the gap and at one time had

the score at 23-28 against them.

They couldn't, however, overcome

GOULD

Emory, rf 2 0 4

Lyon, lf 3 1 1

Stowell, 0 0 0

Lawry, c 2 2 2

Young, rg 1 1 2

Norwood, rg 1 0 2

Allen, lg 2 1 6

— 11 5 27

BERLIN

Abell, rf 3 0 6

VanKleek, lf 3 1 7

Filbott, 0 0 3

Vachon, c 3 2 8

Houley, rg 4 0 6

King, lg 3 0 6

— 16 3 35

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

French-Russ Treaty Highlights Political Activity in Europe; Hem In Japs on Northern Leyte

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.



Stark with realism, this picture from the western front shows a doughboy looking on the shellings of Saarlaufen while a chicken struts about the feet of a dead German soldier in foreground.

PACIFIC: Springing Trap

Fighting on Leyte Island slowly but surely developed into a knock-down, dragout battle at close quarters, as Yanks compressed the enemy on the northwestern hump of the island from three directions.

As a result of the 77th division's landing below Ormoc, the Japanese main lines not only were threatened from the north and east but from the south as well. Although broad mountains impeded passage from the east, and form a narrow corridor from the north helpful to the enemy defense, the country flattens out above Ormoc, offering opportunity to roll up the Japanese lines from the rear.

Despite the danger to their lines on Leyte, the Japs signified an intention to fight it out, with battle slogan including:

"In serving on the seas, be a corpse saturated with water."

"In serving on land, be a corpse covered with weeds."

"In serving in the sky, be a corpse challenging the clouds."

"Let's die by the side of our sovereign."

WORK OR FIGHT: Tighten Draft

Aimed at replacing soldiers released for war production and stemming a growing movement of workers to nonessential industries with postwar employment opportunities, the government ordered the drafting of all men between 28 and 37 not engaged in necessary occupations.

At the same time, the government announced that truck and tire workers would go on a seven-day week, with time and a half pay for the sixth day and double time for the seventh, in an effort to speed up the production of cords for the army. On the western front alone, it was revealed, no less than 500,000 trucks are operating in supplying the troops.

So far, several thousand soldiers have been released to help relieve a critical manpower shortage in important arms plants, a shortage aggravated by the growing movement of 20-37 year old men to nonessential industries with the feeling that recent inductions of those under 20 made them relatively draft free.

Also prompting effective Service's first calling of its draft rolls was the increasing need for army replacements. Maj. Gen. Hersey said with inductions slated to rise 10 to 20 per cent within the next few months.

FOOD EXPORTS: Europe's Needs

Except for Russia, the food situation in Europe is in better condition than anticipated, and postwar needs chiefly will center on items with a long production cycle or those requiring processing. A WPA official said.

Although the Russians may return to normal production of grain, beans, beans and similar crops in their famed "bread basket" province of the Ukraine by next year, WPA Deputy Director Col. R. W. Gilmore said it will take three years to bring output of meats, fats, oils and sugar to prewar level.

Because of the Germans' inability to remove bumper 1944 harvests from France during the lightning Allied thrust across the country this summer, that nation has a relatively good food supply, Colonel Gilmore said. In Italy, the problem primarily is one of straightening out shattered communication lines, he stated.

Battle Fare

The famous soldier who said "An army travels on its stomach" never had the food supply problems faced by General Hodges' 1st Army.

The menu of an army in the field doesn't always come from standard cans of hash and was covered packages. Fighting and chasing an enemy often requires a soldier to feed himself with compact food kits which he can stuff into his pocket, but portable stoves, mobile bakeries, coffee roasting units, and huge refrigerator trucks move behind.

EUROPE: Politics

Politics continued to dominate a Europe heading for a climactic year, with both countries and parties jockeying for favorable positions for the vital postwar era.

Biggest news was Gen. Charles de Gaulle's French government's entrance into a treaty of alliance and mutual assistance with Russia, important insofar as it reaffirmed de Gaulle's firming the age-old policy of collaboration of major powers, and rejected the recently advanced proposal for the organization of a regional security bloc consisting of small nations clustered around a large one.

As a result of the treaty, France, backed by Russia, may be assigned an important role in the postwar control of Germany, with respect given to its demands of occupying the entire left bank of the Rhine and removing industrial machinery from Nazi factories.

In Athens, Greece, there was none of the tranquility which reigned in Moscow at the signing of the French-Russia treaty, however, what with Leftist guerrilla forces strengthening their ranks for their fight against Premier Papandreou's Rightist elements supported by the British.

Behind the fighting, which started when the guerrillas refused to give up their arms on the grounds that the Rightists were allowed to keep them, was London's interest in the political situation in Greece because of its strategic position in the Mediterranean, British life-line from the east.

Britain's disposition to back the friendly government of Premier Papandreou with armed might indicated its determination for a protection of its vital interests in that country in any settlement.

In Rome, Premier Ivanoe Bonomi reorganized the Italian government, with Count Carlo Sforza, vigorously opposed by the British for his anti-monarchical tendencies, missing from the cabinet. In opposing Sforza's appointment to the cabinet in another country fronting the Mediterranean, the British charged that he was a "troublemaker" in a nation where the existence of half dozen political parties furnishes wide grounds for differences.

In an attempt to compose such differences, Premier Bonomi decided to share his leadership with influential Christian Democratic and Communist officials.

War

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MISCELLANY

Egg production in the United States is expected to be from 8 to 12 per cent lower in 1945 than it has been in 1944. This reduction will be due mostly to fewer hens on farms in west, north central states and in far western states. The eastern and middle western states have more nearly maintained the size of their poultry flocks.

CIGARETTES: Distribution Plan

With the cigarette supply about 70 per cent of normal and little possibility of improvement in the situation for the duration because of manpower shortages, the nation's wholesalers are planning rationing of stocks to assure an equitable distribution throughout the country.

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EGGS: WFA Sells Stocks

In an effort to speed the movement of eggs into consumption before production seasonally increases, the War Food Administration announced that it would sell its remaining government owned stocks 10 per cent below authorized ceiling.

Of more than 6,000,000 cases of 30 dozen each bought during the heavy production period of 1944 to hold up prices, an estimated 575,000 cases remain, it was said.

The government stands to lose \$10,000,000 from its 1944 egg operations, it was said, despite the fact that it expects to net 6 to 7 cents a dozen more on its last batch than it paid for them since prices are higher now than at the season of peak output.

Inventorys are sufficiently depleted to enable buyers to absorb its present offerings, WFA said.

This Pen's Like Home

"We have an inmate here who doesn't want to leave," a guard told wondering Warden Joseph E. Ragen at Illinois' Stateville prison. "He says he likes it here and asks if he can't stay."

Noted for his fair but disciplined handling of convicts, Ragen visited the inmate, completing a sentence of 1 year to 15 months for obtaining money under false pretenses. "I have no place to go and I would like to stay here," the man said.

"I'm complimented," said Ragen, who returned as Stateville's warden following the sensational Roger Touhy break. "But I'm sorry I can't accommodate you. Under the law I may not keep you here one day longer than the court's order calls for."

FAIR SEX: Want Privileges

U. S. women, it seems, not only want their cake but they want to eat it, too!

So must have thought Thomas A. Johnstone, director of the General Motors division of the United Automobile Workers Union, upon addressing the first national women's conference of the UAW in Detroit, Mich.

Said Johnstone: "If women insist on getting the same rate of pay plus periods, which men do not get, then the men will raise hell."

The 150 delegates sat on Johnstone in a hurry, typical comment being: "Brawn should not be considered more important than brains, etc., etc., etc. A man worker would not expect his wife or sister to do heavy lifting, etc., etc., etc."

Among other things, the delegates asked continuation of the fight for equal pay; abolition of special job classifications for women, and opportunity for advancement to top positions.

SOUTH: New Farming

Because of the use of new strains of sweet potatoes in feeding cattle, southern agriculture is gradually changing from a basic cotton economy, J. F. Percy of Alexandria, La., told the 26th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau in Chicago, Ill.

At the same time, A. D. Brownfield of Deming, N. M., president of the American Livestock association, assured the development of mighty cattle across the Río Grande, the Río Grande, and the Third armament into the Río Grande.

As U. S. forces advanced, they continued to encounter the most stubborn resistance, with the Germans continuing to convert every town into a fortified stronghold.

Not only is the feeding of sweet potatoes enabling southern farmers to increase dairy production and fatten up cattle, Percy said, but it also is forcing them to put more acreage into supplementary pasture of hay and forage crops, further reducing the planting of soil-depleting cotton.

MEAT LABELS

Because many primal cuts carried no labels under previous marking procedures, thus enabling some butchers to collect ration coupons for point-free meats, OPA ordered slaughterers to stamp all carcasses of beef, veal, lamb and mutton at least every two inches along all primal cuts.

OPA also revealed that many consumers purchasing up-graded meat were charged for a better quality than received.

The Three Wise Men

Nothing is known for certain concerning the identity of the "wise men." All that we learn from the gospel is that "wise men" appeared bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We do not know who they were or what were their names or how many there were. The common supposition is there were three of them. That idea arises from the fact that there were three gifts.

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GIRL OVERBOARD

by GEORGE F. WORTS

WNU RELEASE

THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who hates herself for being meek and shy, finds herself railroaded into taking a job she doesn't want, assisting Admiral Duncan, grandfather of her fiance, Paul Duncan, to write his memoirs. Aboard the steamer, Samoa, on the route to Hawaii, Zorie dances with Steve, Paul's handsomely brother, only to discover that Paul is terribly jealous. Paul refers to Steve as a Nazi spy. The admiral dictates some of his memoirs to Zorie. Steve and Paul are critical. On returning to her stateroom Zorie discovers that her note book and an important treatise on engineering are missing. She suspects Amber Lanning, with whom she shares her stateroom.

CHAPTER IX

Zorie came to the turn of the deck and started across. She was outside the Palm Room. She stopped at a window and looked in. The Palm Room was crowded. She saw Steve dancing with Amber. Watching them, she forgot Mr. Lanning. A wave of this afternoon's jealousy returned. She wanted to cry. She felt neglected and unloved. Zorie walked on. She felt desperate.

She walked afloat on the other side. There was no moon. It was a black night. She found stairs leading to a lower deck. She went down several flights and came to an iron bulkhead on either side.

At the end of this deck were steps that went up. She climbed them. She passed one deck and climbed another.

Zorie leaned on the rail and looked down at the water. Ghostly light showed the race and churning of water lashed white by the propellers. Beyond was blackness.

What was she to do about the stolen notebook? To whom could she turn for counsel?

In her confusion and woe, she thought of the cast-iron Buddha on Professor Poldrome's desk—"the genuine jungle wishing Buddha"—and her three wishes. She had wished to be transported to an enchanting land of palms and flowers, of jade seas and singing birds, and of charming people too gallant to take advantage of her meekness. She had wished that Paul would go there, too. And she had wished that she would lose her meekness.

Since then, everything had gone wrong. It was as if the jungle Buddha were granting a parody of her wishes. If she were superstitious, she would believe that the Buddha was an evil genie of iron who dealt solely in the cruellest irony.

She suddenly tasted on her lips the dust and rust of his iron forehead.

A soft mocking whisper came out of the darkness just behind her. "Ah-nah!" it said. "Ah-nah!"

A hand was brutally clamped over her mouth. Another hand was swooping under her knees. She was swiftly lifted to the rail and over it. She was thrown far out.

She fell down and down through the blackness toward the churning white water.

Zorie was falling through blackness as you fall in a dream, falling and falling, never reaching bottom. If you reach bottom, in a nightmare fall, your heart, some people say, stops beating.

Her brain must have been working frantically, because she did not have long to dwell on the horror of her fate.

It was like cold claws tearing her heart to shreds.

Long before she struck the water, Zorie was fighting for her life. She took a deep breath and held it.

Paul had told her that anyone falling from a swiftly moving ship is almost inevitably sucked into the propellers, is instantly battered and torn to pieces by the giant steel blades.

She struck the water. The shock of the impact almost knocked the air out of her. The next instant she was deep in the insane churn from the propellers, with their mighty rhythm thumping in her ears. She was a helpless rag of a girl caught in insane convulsions of water. She was violently jerked, whirled and tossed this way and that by savage currents. She felt as if she were being torn apart.

There was only one thing she could do to help herself—she could hold her breath. She might be held down indefinitely, sucked this way and that by monstrous eddies. Chance alone would determine whether or not she would be drawn into the thumping steel blades.

She tried to hold her breath. She held her breath until she thought her lungs would burst.

She flailed the hissing water with her arms. She could not draw in her breath, or force it out. Some water was lodged in her throat, and it would not let the air pass. She tried to dislodge the obstacle but it stayed there.

But even in her panic, her brain was trying to work out this problem. Zorie was a fair swimmer. Ordinarily, she was not afraid of water. The sensible thing to do was to relax, to lie on her back and make no effort.

So she lay on her back. After a moment, she coughed the water out. She could breathe again. But her heart was still a frantic chattering in her ears. She could see the "Samoa" nowhere. It had evidently sped on into the night.

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which she had thought the "Samoa" had vanished.

She cried out involuntarily with relief and joy. It must be a life ring! Someone must have seen her go overboard, and thrown the ring!

Paul had explained them to her. When the life-ring was thrown into the water a magnesium flare attached to it by a short rope was spontaneously ignited, the glare would guide a swimmer in the dark to the ring.

She struck out toward it. The flare blinded her. She did not see the "Samoa" turning about until it miraculously stopped not far away, a blaze of horizontal rows of lights. Then she was blinded by the beam of a searchlight on the bridge. It went off in a moment.

She swam steadily. She was growing tired. Her slippers were gone. She was all in. She had not realized how the shock, the horror of her immersion had exhausted her until she tried to use her arms and legs.

The magnesium flare seemed no nearer. The strength seemed to be draining out of her arms, her chest, her legs.

This inability to reach safety, something to cling to until she was rescued, was more nearly like a nightmare than her moments in the savage thrust of water from the ship's screws.

Then the white flare seemed suddenly closer. She put what was left of her strength into a final spurt. She reached the life-ring. But she was now so weak she could hardly cling to the canvas-covered cork.

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Once she was in her nightgown and in her bed, Zorie had hysterics. But it wasn't a bad attack. Later,

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Her fate was inevitable. She would paddle about in this great waste of water until she was too tired to paddle about any more, then she would simply sink.

Zorie began to think more clearly. She would have been better if she had been sucked into the propellers and battered to pulp. It would have been a far kinder fate.

Zorie thought of Paul, and she suddenly wanted to cry. Poor Paul! He would be sorry, as people always are when someone has died—sorry for the unkind things he had done to her, and the kind things he hadn't done for her. And how would Steve feel? And Aunt Hannah? And the admiral? All of them! All these people who had treated her as a human doormat!

A while ghostly glow was beginning to fill the world. It silvered the tips of the small rolling waves about her. It seemed to fill the sky. It was like the glow that is supposed to accompany a religious miracle.

All this time Zorie had been lying on her back, resting, getting her breath, calming her heart. Now she turned over and faced the glow. It was a dazzling spot of white glare not more than two hundred yards away. It was floating on the water in the direction opposite to that in

"There," Zorie said softly.

She waited for Amber to do something. She hoped that Amber would resent it.

The smile was gone. Amber compressed her lips and stared at her, but she did nothing and she said nothing.

Zorie reached up to one of the hooks. It was supporting several hangers of Amber's clothes. She took the hangers down and threw them on Amber's bed. She went about the stateroom taking down hangers and throwing them on Amber's bed. When the hooks were emptied, she emptied one of the closets. Its contents she threw on Amber's bed.

"From now on," said Zorie in a calm, assured voice, "this closet is mine."

Amber, sitting on the bed with her clothes all about her, said nothing.

Zorie now dumped the contents of two of the four drawers on Amber's bed. She put the drawers back and said, "From now on, these are mine. You are the first person of a great many who are going to learn that I'm never going to be pushed around again as long as I live. You will either behave yourself in this stateroom or you will get out."

Zorie could see Amber's brain working in her steady brown eyes. Amber was being crossed. She would now make some sort of adjustment, because she was a realist. A realist, Zorie decided, is one who fights others and not one's self.

Amber got up. She picked up a package of cigarettes from the dressing table, leisurely selected one, lighted it. She puffed at it and considered Zorie through the smoke.

"Now that I've smoked you out," said Amber, "shall we be ourselves? I was getting so fed up with your act—and these gosh-awful clothes of yours. I mean the whole picture."

"Who?" Zorie asked, "do you think I am?" She was determined to say nothing now or ever to this girl about the attempt at drowning her. She was still as determined as ever to spend the rest of her life, if necessary, in finding out who had thrown her overboard. She would be as smart as they were, and as sly.

Amber shrugged and lifted eyebrows and eyes with a wryly despairing grimace. "All right, my dear," she said. "Keep it up if you want to, I know you're a great actress. God knows I should. I have the greatest respect for you. I envy you more than any woman that ever lived. You have more lives than a cat. Frankly, I think you're a witch. I'll be good."

"We might have a ladies' agreement to that effect," said Zorie.

"Yes!" Amber agreed. "And now, darling, how are you fixed for clothes?"

"I'm not fixed for clothes."

"Nothing in the hold?"

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Four astronomical hypotheses have evolved from the consideration of the Star of Bethlehem as a natural phenomenon—specifically the possibilities of its having been a meteor, a comet, a new star, or the conjunction of two or more planets.

A meteor is a very transient and local phenomenon. Under no circumstances could a meteor be visible for more than a few seconds and one large enough to attract the attention of ordinary observers would have had its place of impact commemorated.

Tradition credits Hipparchus with having noted, in 134 B. C., a brilliant new star where previously no

tree for armed forces in Iceland.

star had been; and since Tycho Brahe discovered his famous nova in 1572, many new stars have been tentatively identified as the Star of Bethlehem.

Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, and Venus are planets visible to the naked eye.

Computation has figured that Jupiter, Mars and Saturn were in conjunction in the year 7 to 6 B. C.

as such a phenomenon occurs about every 800 years; it is impossible to include Venus and still conform to the Biblical account which places the Star in the East since Venus is most conspicuous in the western horizon.

Modern astronomers do not attach much weight to the foregoing hypotheses. Such phenomena would occur too far from the earth to serve as a local guide and, seen in the same direction from any point on the earth's surface, would not stand as the Biblical Star of Bethlehem.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1944

A SPECIAL HONORS

Those receiving special honors at Gould Academy for the second ranking period are: seniors, Priscilla Carver, Claire Lanham, Freeland Savage, and Phyllis Tebbets; juniors, Colleen Bennett, Theodore Emery, Margery Howard, Nellie Zapham, Marilyn Noyes, Priscilla Ring, Virginia Scattergood, and Dexter Stowell; sophomores, Janice Bowman, Larry Clement, Frances Vinton; freshmen, Sally Adams, Ruth Juddkins, Marvin Kendall and Gertrude Penner.



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!
Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas
CHARLES E. MERRILL
BETHEL LUMBER MARKET



There's a joy in the heart
That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.

FARWELL & WIGHT



★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best the happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

THE SPECIALTY SHOP

HANOVER

Correspondent—
Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Several from here attended the sale chicken pie supper and whisky party sponsored by the Ladies Aid, at Rumford Point, Friday night.

Mrs Emily Dixon has been ill and under the doctor's care but is gaining.

Oscar Dyke is working in Cummings Garage, Rumford.

Miss Susan Martin, Rumford, visited several days last week at the home of Mr and Mrs Parker Russell. She called on friends at Rumford Point and here in town, returning to her home Sunday.

Mrs Harriet Coady is spending the Christmas holiday in Bangor.

Several from here were in Rumford, Saturday, shopping.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, Norway was a recent caller at the home of Mr and Mrs Penney.

WEST BETHEL

Mrs G E Mason is enjoying a vacation from her duties at the Connecticut State Teachers College and arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her husband and his mother at their home in the Bog.

Miss Marilyn Abbott spent the week end at home.

Mrs Catherine Wilson has returned from a visit with her daughter and family in Shelburne N H.

Mr and Mrs Edmund Smith were in South Paris one day last week on business.

Mrs Charles Day of Locke Mills visited her daughter, Ruby Rolfe, on Monday.

Several from here including Mrs Alfred Merrill and Miss Phyllis Merrill were in Lewiston shopping this week.

Raymond Coulombe, who attends school in Berlin, N H is at home for the Christmas vacation.

WEST BETHEL SCHOOL NOTES

Those receiving 100% in spelling last week were: Mary Kneeland, Jane Smith, June Merrill, Howard Wolfe and Arthur Head.

The Primary room will have a Christmas tree at the school house Friday afternoon and the following program will be presented under the direction of the teacher Mrs Mary Billings:

Greeting, June Merrill, Sub Primary & Grade I

A Dilemma, June Burris

Play, Mrs Santa Clause Visits a Toy Shop, School

Old Santa Claus, Robert Hutchinson

Up on the Housetop, School

My, I'm So Good, Eldred Rolfe

Santa's Problem, Warren Merrill

My Christmas Wish, David Schmidt

NEWRY CORNER

Mrs Helen Morton and children are visiting her parents in Auburn this week.

School in town closes Friday, December 22. Rumford Point school closed Friday, December 16 for a two weeks vacation.

The Farm Bureau Christmas party and planning meeting is to be held this week with Mrs Bertha Davis.

Mrs Grace Arsenault has suffered another ill turn and is confined to her bed at this writing.

A merry Christmas and a happy healthy new year to one and all.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Brinck were recent guests of Mr and Mrs Chester Chapman.

William Walker, who has been sick for several months is slowly improving.

CARD OF THANKS

The members of the American Legion and Auxiliary wish to thank the individuals who gave the eighty-three Christmas gifts for the hospitalized men and women of World War II.

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Mrs Inez Whitman, Judith Grover Teeter, Tuesday evening, December 19, 1944. Mrs Whitman's home twelve members meeting will be held in cars. The Patriotic night, Refreshments cookies and tea were Bessie Andrews and man.

Schools closed Friday.

Miss Alice Chute and

Miss Wolcott were in Saturday.

Mrs Chester Bean, the War Chest Drive of Woodstock announced that the town had gone quota of \$425 by raising \$471.35.

Mrs Minnie Jordan, Swan, Leroy Smith and M. Rowe have been listed.

At the Locke Mills Church Services Sunday, the Misses Alice Chute and Wolcott sang the poem "Since Jesus took my heart with me with a song."

Mrs Homer Farnum, Ramona and Mrs Whitman and Arlene in Rumford shopping evening.

Mrs Lillian Young of a recent dinner guest of Chate and Miss Orissa

SONGO POND

Mr and Mrs Leon Miller Russell were in Rumford shopping.

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Mr and Mrs Hollis Grind Gloria were at Charles Bettel, recently.

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Mr and Mrs Leonard J

Bethel, were at his father Kimball's Sunday.

At this season let us all to see if goodness still exists in the combination of the human heart in his hands nation. Let Christmas transform us.

May we all

greetings to finding their

Roberts F

Hand



"THE SILENT STARS..."

In many homes this Christmas, eyes will turn to the stars in a service flag, and hearts will be filled with thoughts of loved ones far from home. Older members of the family will try bravely to make it a day of joy for the youngsters, to forget their own loneliness for a moment in the laughter and gayety of children.

It would be graceless indeed, for us to wish a "Merry" Christmas to the families of the 245 men and women of

Central Maine Power Company in the Armed Services, and to the thousands of other Maine people whose family circles are broken this holiday season. But—from all our hearts—we do extend the kindest of Christmas greetings. And we join with all the people of Maine—of America—and of the civilized world, in the devout wish that another Christmas may see established for all time "peace on earth, good will toward men."

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★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful

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BRYANT POND

Mrs Inez Whitman, Correspondent
Judith Grover Tent No 17 met Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th at Mrs Inez Whitman's home. There were twelve members present. Next meeting will be election of officers. The Patriotic Instructor has planned a Christmas tree for that night. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and tea were served by Bessie Andrews and Inez Whitman.

Schools closed Friday night for two weeks.

Miss Alice Chute and Miss Orissa Wolcott were in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs Chester Bean, chairman of the War Chest Drive for the Town of Woodstock announced Dec. 15 that the town had gone over their quota of \$425 by raising the sum of \$471.35.

Mrs Minnie Jordan, Kenneth Swan, Leroy Smith and Mrs Leo M. Rowe have been on the sick list.

At the Locke Mills Community Church Services Sunday, Dec. 10th the Misses Alice Chute and Orissa Wolcott sang the popular duet, "Since Jesus took my burdens and left me with a song."

Mrs Homer Farnum and daughter, Ramona and Misses Clara Whitman and Arlene Swan were in Rumford shopping Monday evening.

Mrs Lillian Young of Bethel was a recent dinner guest of Miss Alice Chute and Miss Orissa Wolcott.

SONG POND

Mr and Mrs Leon Millett and son Russell were in Rumford Monday shopping.

Seldon Grover was in Bethel Monday, shopping.

Callers at Hollis Grindie's Monday were Bea Osgood, Leroy Buck and Bob Chapman.

Leon Millett hauled wood for Mrs Maud Grindie one day recently.

A. B. Kimball bought two cows of Walter Lord, North Waterford, recently.

Mrs Maud Grindie and Evelyn spent the week end at Irving Green's, North Waterford.

Mr and Mrs Hollis Grindie and Gloria were at Charles Bryant's, Bethel, recently.

Mr and Mrs Ray Jewel were callers at Leslie Kimball's and Bob Chapman's Sunday.

Leslie Kimball's family are having bad colds.

Bob Chapman hauled birch for A. B. Kimball Tuesday.

Leslie Kimball and Laurence Kimball were in Dixfield one day last week on business.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Kimball, Bethel, were at his father's A. B. Kimball's Sunday.

EAST BETHEL

Robert Hastings was in Orono Thursday and Friday of last week. Mrs John Irvine entertained Mr and Mrs Rodney Howe, Stanley Howe, B. W. Kimball and Mrs John Howe at a dinner party in honor of Mrs Howe's birthday, Wednesday evening.

Mr and Mrs O. B. Farwell were in Rumford Friday to meet their daughter, Miss Deborah Farwell, who is enjoying a vacation from Rumford Normal School.

Malcolm Farwell spent the week end with his parents, Mr and Mrs O. B. Farwell.

Mr and Mrs Almon Coolidge and family have moved from Edgar Coolidge's to the home of Leland Coolidge.

Mrs Leland Coolidge began last week to work in the E. L. Tebbetts' mill at Locke Mills.

Virginia Hastings was the guest of friends at Locke Mills Friday night.

Mary Alice Hastings spent Friday night with Ann Newmarker.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Bartlett, Shirley Bartlett, Mrs Jorgen Olson and Mrs Helen Newmarker were in Rumford Saturday.

Mrs May Kimball is a guest of her brother, W. G. Holt and family.

Mrs Rhoda Mackay and Lewis Powers of Norway were at S. D. Harrington's Sunday.

Mrs Leslie Noyes spent Friday with her sister, Mrs Burton Abbott who has been ill.

Little Betty Swan spent the week end with her grandmother, Mrs Eva Swan at Locke Mills.

Albert Foster was home from Camp Devens over the week end.

Dorothy Bartlett was ill with asthma Sunday.

Mrs Arthur Jordan and Mrs Earl Swinton of Rumford were at Mr and Mrs Irwin Farrar's Sunday afternoon. Swinton who had been a guest of her grandparents several days ago Mrs Jordan's baby was ill with pneumonia.

Mr and Mrs Floyd Coolidge and son, Elton were at Mr and Mrs Edgar Coolidge's one day last week.

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank and numbered 5507 has been destroyed or lost and it is desired that a new book of deposit be issued.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK
By Fred F. Bean, Tres.
Bethel, Maine

WEST PARIS

Mrs Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

The West Paris 4-H Club had a Christmas Party, Dec. 9, 1944. Everyone received a present. An interesting program was sponsored by Pauline Baker and Jane Day. Refreshments were served after the party.

At the First Universalist Church there will be a special Christmas program on Sunday morning the 24th. Sermon subject by the Rev Eleanor B. Forbes, Christ in You the Hope of Glory. Music by choir of 15 singers. Soloists, Arlene Farr, Hazel Perham and Walter Inman. Chorus of 30 young people will join in carols and responses. Duet, A Wondrous Song by Elaine and Jenkins Lamb. Closing Christmas song by Primary Sunday School children.

Friday evening the Sunday school will hold a Christmas family supper in Good Will Hall to which all interested in the church and school and invited guests are expected to attend. A Christmas tree and program will follow the supper.

Mrs Miriam Mayblom was hostess to the Bates Literary Club Friday afternoon. The roll call was answered by Christmas quotations and a books review of "The Robe" written by Mrs Ella Nickerson and read by Mrs Beatrice Dymont completed a very fine program. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and the decorations were in harmony with the Christmas season.

Miss Rachel Dunham, daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Dunham underwent an appendectomy at the Rumford Community Hospital Monday forenoon.

Mr and Mrs Clayton Churchill and Mr and Mrs Simon Farr's out of town Christmas guests will be Mr and Mrs Ralph Knightly, son and daughter, Mr and Mrs William Smith and three sons all of South Paris.

Mrs Toivo Heikkinen of Boston is visiting her daughter, Felicia Collette and parents, Mr and Mrs Walter Ring. Mr and Mrs Miller and son from Andover, have moved into Mrs. Mrs William Stellhorn and her Farm's rent.

Christmas Greetings
TO OUR FRIENDS

May yours be "the Joy that blooms from yesterday's remembrance, the Peace that surpasses today's understanding, the Hope that springs from Confidence in tomorrow."

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Gifts for All the Family

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Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
O! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open shay!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

Gould Academy
Elwood F. Ireland, Headmaster



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities.

May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

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★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American — to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

Bryant's Market

How to help lick our
No. 1 War-time Shortage

It is staggering to realize that our most serious wartime shortage is no longer tin or aluminum or rubber — but pulpwood. You may look all around you at the spruce and fir which blanket our hills and wonder how there could possibly be a scarcity of anything so plentiful. Of course there is plenty of pulpwood. The problem is manpower.

What can you do?

If you want to see this war won quickly. If you want to get those boys back home — alive and soon — there is nothing you could do that would help more than getting some of that much-needed pulpwood into the mills.

If you have any suitable woodland of your own; if you can cut and haul pulpwood from someone else's land; if you can take even a part-time job in the woods, do what you can.

Where does all the pulpwood go?

Did you ever stop to think that every shot is loaded with explosives made from pulpwood; packed for overseas shipment in special waterproof, paperboard containers; aimed by a paper map; and fired according to paper orders. Multiply that by every other item of supply and equipment and you begin to realize why wood pulp is so essential to winning the war.



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Intricate, Costly Watches Are Made for Collectors

Several modern watches made for collectors have required as long as eight years to design and manufacture, and have cost as much as \$15,000, says Collier's.

Besides a dozen time and calendar dials, they contain such meteorological instruments as a thermometer, hygrometer, barometer and altimeter, and such celestial charts as the one that shows the positions of the visible constellations at every hour.



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South Americans Celebrate Feast in Picturesque Way

The children of Latin America learn about Santa Claus only through the radio programs from North America. Yet Christmas for them is not lacking in gaiety and not lacking in gifts.

But the benevolent visitor, instead of being the jolly, round Kris Kringle, is El Nino Dlos—the Christ Child—assisted by Los Reyes Magos—the Magi Kings.

While the children of North America are hanging up their stockings on Christmas eve, their neighbors below the Rio Grande are setting out carefully made little beds of grass or straw, which El Nino Dlos will fill with toys and candy during the night.

This is not universal, however. In some countries the night for gifts is January 5, for that is the night Los Reyes Magos ride swiftly from house to house with caravans laden with good things for good little chiquillos.

The yule season in Mexico and many other Hispanic countries generally begins on December 16 and continues to January 6, when presents are exchanged in token of the gifts brought to the Christ Child by the Three Wise Men.

In fact, there is sometimes a colorful addition of bullfights, rodeos and folk dances.

Symbolizing the Nativity.

As the climax of this period, (December 16 to January 6) there are the traditional Nacimientos and Posadas. Nacimiento means "birth," and in the intimacy of every home a space is made ready for the colorful little display which symbolizes the Nativity. Every detail of the Palestinian countryside is faithfully de-

picted, with sand, pebbles, grass and twigs. A clay replica of the stable at Bethlehem is set up, and surrounded with miniature cows and other animals.

At some time between December 15 and New Year's day, every Mexican family holds a Posada. Members of the family and their friends gather in the patio and sing Villancicos, or old Spanish Christmas carols, and march around the patio in procession, to commemorate the journey of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem.

Though the postmen of Latin America are not so heavily burdened as they are here, the greeting on everyone's lips is the same as ours—"Felices Pascuas y Buen Año Nuevo!"

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Buffet Style Is Ideal for New Year's Entertaining



Waffles and sausage, an old-fashioned favorite, will help you ring the old year out and New Year in with proper style.

This hasn't been such a bad year, has it? And as we look forward to the next one, we hope for many better things. It's fitting then to usher the new one in with good cheer and hope, and simple but good food to celebrate the occasion.

Whether you're just having your own family in or friends over to welcome the New Year, it should be done in style. Refreshments need not be elaborate but they should be decorated to be in tune with the season.

Here are some sample menus to help you in deciding what to have. They are designed to fit your food budget:

New Year's Eve Snack I.

Buckwheat Cakes

Cranberry Conserve

Coffee

Assorted Fruit Plate

Snack Suggestion II.

Spaghetti With Chicken Livers

Garlic Bread

Tossed Salad

Lemon Snow With Custard Sauce

Coffee

Snack Suggestion IV.

Welsh Rarebit on Toast

Molded Fruit Salad

Assorted Relishes

Fruit Cake

Coffee

Snack Suggestion V.

Cold Sliced Turkey and Ham

Rye Bread

Butter

Relish

Avocado-Grapefruit Salad

Assorted Cookies

Beverage

Guests for a New Year's eve supper will be happy to help themselves from a buffet as informality prevails at the occasion. Set up the waffle iron with a pitcher of batter; or, if you are having a hot dish like Welsh Rarebit or Spaghetti, it can be kept warm in a hot dish or at least on a hot platter. Guests won't mind going into the kitchen for precious seconds.

The recipe round-up for this event has a star-studded collection of dishes you'll want:

Waffles.

2 cups sifted flour

3 teaspoons baking powder

1 cup milk

4 tablespoons melted butter

3/4 teaspoon salt

3 eggs

Sift together the dry ingredients.

Add egg yolks, beaten and mixed with milk, then the melted butter.

Fold in egg whites, beaten stiff.

Use a waffle maker and serve with butter and hot syrup.

Cooking Sausages.

To cook pork sausage so that it will be plump, juicy and tender, lay the sausages in a heavy skillet

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Here's How To Do: If you're serving bacon, remember it requires slow cooking, careful watching and removal from the heat when it's crisp but not brittle.

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To broil: Place strips on broiler rack or pan about 3 to 3 1/2 inches below moderate heat. Turn when top is lightly crisped, broiling about 2 1/2 minutes to each side.

To bake: Lay strips in shallow pan, allowing fat edges to overlap the less edges. Place on top shelf of oven set at 400 degrees. Bake without turning for 12 or 15 minutes until crisp.

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with a small amount of water. Bring them gently to a boil and let them boil for several minutes, until all the water is cooked away. Then let the sausages brown, turning on all sides so they will have an even color. Sausages cooked like this will be done thoroughly with their flavor fully developed. They will not have lost the plumpness that is so attractive when they are served.

Spaghetti With Chicken Livers, (Serves 6 to 8)

1/2 pound spaghetti

2 tablespoons shortening

1 onion

2 cups canned tomatoes or 1 can tomato soup

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 pound grated American cheese

1/2 pound fresh mushrooms

1 pound chicken livers

1 teaspoon salt

Cook spaghetti in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain and rinse in cold water. Heat fat in skillet and brown finely cut onion in it. Add spaghetti, tomatoes, salt and cheese. Cook slowly until well blended. Serve in a casserole or on a platter, well garnished with fried mushrooms and sauteed chicken livers.

Molded Fruit Salad, (Serves 8)

1 package lemon-flavored gelatin

1 cup hot water

1 cup maraschino cherry juice and water

1 cup sliced, seeded grapes

2 pears, peeled and sliced

1/2 cup maraschino cherries, sliced

1/2 cup finely minced celery

1 pink grapefruit, peeled and sectioned

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold cherry juice and water. Let cool. When slightly thickened fold in fruit and pour into a mold. Let chill until firm. Unmold on lettuce and garnish with clusters of grapes in pear halves. Serve with sour cream dressing.

Welsh Rarebit, (Serves 6)

2 tablespoons butter

3/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 pound cheese, cubed

1/2 teaspoon soda

Dash of cayenne

1 egg

1/2 teaspoon mustard

1/2 cup thin cream

Melt butter in top of double boiler and then add cheese. Stir and cook until cheese is melted. Add beaten egg, seasonings, soda and cream. Stir constantly until smooth and thick, then serve over toast points, garnished with parsley.

There's nothing better than a chewy cookie for nibbling after the main dish has been heavy. In fact, many people would rather have a good cookie than anything else to top off the snack. You'll like these cookies that are taste-tempters above anything else you ever had:

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and cover with a lid.

Turn the heat down to low and cook for 15 minutes.

Second mixture:

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1 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 tablespoons flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 cups coconut

1 cup nuts

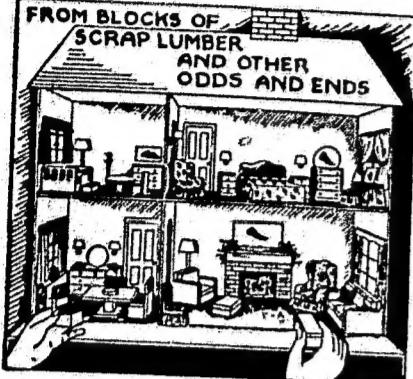
Beat the eggs, add sugar and vanilla. Blend in dry ingredients, coconut and nuts. Pour mixture on top of first baked mixture and bake in moderate oven for 20 minutes. When cooled slightly, add:

Third mixture:

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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

GI's Turn Back to Cave-Like Living in Tunisia

All Comforts Missing but Men Carry On Under Trying Conditions

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note): This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs during the air battles in French North Africa. He is now on his way to cover the Pacific war zones.

THE TUNISIAN FRONT.—It must be hard for you folks at home to conceive how our troops right at the front actually live. In fact it is hard to describe it to you even when I'm among them, living in somewhat the same way they are.

You can scarcely credit the fact that human beings—the same people you've known all your life—could adjust themselves so acceptably to a type of living that is only slightly above the cave-man stage.

Some of our troops came directly to the Tunisian front after the original occupation of North and West Africa, and have been here ever since. They have not slept in a bed for months. They've lived through this vicious winter sleeping outdoors on the ground.

They haven't been paid in three months. They have been on British rations most of the time, and British rations, though good, get mighty tiresome.

They never take off their clothes at night, except their shoes. They don't get a bath other than once a month. One small detachment acquired lice and had to be fumigated, but all the rest have escaped so far. They move so frequently they don't attempt to put in many home touches, as the men do at the more permanent camps toward the rear. Very few of the front-line troops have ever had any leave. They never go to town for an evening's fun. They work all the time.

Nobody keeps track of the days or weeks. I'll wager that 90 per cent of our frontline troops never know when Sunday comes.

Furthermore, the old traditional differences between day and night have almost ceased to exist. Nighttime no longer necessarily means rest, nor daytime work. Often it is just reversed. The bulk of our conveying of supplies and shifting of troops is done at night. The soldiers are accustomed to traveling all night, sometimes three or four nights in a row. Irregularity of sleep becomes normal. One soldier told me he once went three days and nights without sleep.

You see men sleeping anywhere, anytime. The other day I saw a soldier asleep in blankets under an olive tree at two in the afternoon. A few feet away a full colonel was sleeping soundly on the ground. In battle you just go until you drop.

War Hardens Men.

The war coarsens most people. You live rough and talk rough, and if you didn't toughen up inside you simply wouldn't be able to take it. An officer friend of mine, Lieut. Lennie Bessman of Milwaukee, was telling me two incidents of a recent battle that touched him deeply.

One evening he and another officer came up to a tiny farmhouse, which was apparently empty. To be on the safe side he called out "Who's there?" before going in. The answer came back:

"Captain Blank, and who the hell wants to know?"

They went in and found the captain, his clothes covered with blood, heating a can of rations over a gasoline flame. They asked if they could stay all night with him. He said he didn't give a damn. They started to throw their blankets down, and the captain said:

"Look out for that man over there."

There was a dead soldier lying in a corner.

The captain was cooking his supper and preparing to stay all night alone in that same room. The flood and fury of death about him was just passing and asked if I had any nail clippers or scissors. Cold water and cold weather are hard on soldiers' hands. Their fingers get hard and crack around the nails. Night after night I've lain awake because my fingers had split back from the nail and throbbed with pain.

Our troops do manage to look fairly clean and presentable, even though sanitary facilities are skimpy. The Air Forces allow their soldiers to grow beards, but the rest of the army doesn't. Consequently the men have to shave regardless of how inconvenient it may be.

"You fight all day here in the desert and what's the end of it all? Night just closes down over you and chokes you."

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11:00 Kindergarten Class. Mrs Ordell H. Anderson and Miss Marlene Anderson in charge.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon Topic "Gifts For The King."

On Sunday night, December 24th, in the Church auditorium at eight o'clock, the Year-Round Club will present a Christmas Pageant entitled "The First Christmas Miracle."

The Guild will meet at the Mans on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. A program based on famous religious paintings taken from the book "Christ in the Fine Arts," by Cynthia Pearl Maus, will be presented.

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9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 The Christmas Worship service. Sermon theme: "The quest for the Christ." Christmas anthem by the choir. A Star for Bethlehem." Organist and director, Mrs Harry Lyon.

6:30 Youth Fellowship gathering at the church. The group will go out and sing Christmas carols to "shill-ins" and later gather at the home of Bob and Edna York for refreshments.

On New Year's Eve there will be a candle lighting service to remember the service men and women who have gone out from our parish.

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Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ Scientist, on Sunday, December 24.

The Golden Text is: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death upon them hath the light shined" (Isaiah 9:2)

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. For the Law as given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:14-17.)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christ the divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy the incarnate error. Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth" (pages 583, 10-11 and 222, 19-23.)

BRYANT POND
BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev Franklin S. Kochweiter
Pastor

Miss Margaret L. Howe, Organist and Choir director.

Sermon "Around the Cradle of Jesus."

Sunday evening at 7:30 the annual Christmas concert and Christmas tree.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting in the parsonage.

Bible Club Friday afternoon 2:30. Choir rehearsal Friday evening.

MARRIED

At Waterford, Dec 3 by Rev W. I. Bull. Miss Theo Palma of Freeport and T-Sgt Laurice Merrill of Mason.

DIED

At Bethel, Dec 18, True J. Brown aged 71 years.

HARK, THE ANGEL VOICES!

May the sweet old Christmas story bring to you this year a deeper meaning . . .

a larger store of its joy and peace and gladness than it ever has before.

Bethel Theatre

Best Christmas Wishes 1944

Opposite Old Corn Shop on

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MIDDLE INTERVALE

The planning meeting of the Farm Bureau was held at Mrs. Suzy Capen's Wednesday with Mrs. Beatrice Foster in charge. Officers for the coming year were elected and a Christmas sale was held in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ward and family were in Lewiston Saturday. Miss Pearl Daye was a week end guest of Miss Elizabeth Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartlett were in Rumford Saturday afternoon.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Harlan Andrews is quite ill. Mrs. Georgie Hendrickson remains seriously ill.

The Willing Workers will hold their annual Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Velma Davis on Wednesday of this week. Dinner will be served at noon.

Mrs. Mary Flemming and Mrs. Myrtle Thurlow were at Norway and Oxford on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Andrews will entertain her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woods from Molden, Mass over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davis will go to Freeport for the holiday week end to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Brown and family.

Mrs. Cora Andrews will go to Portland Friday to spend the week end and Christmas with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleves.

Miss Edith Davis is visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Schools closed last Thursday for two weeks vacation. A Christmas program and tree was held in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis were at Wellesley Saturday to install the Grange officers there.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Week of December 18, 1944

Grade Sav. Bank Total P C

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III 5.00 2.85 69

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